its report, the Working Group has suggested bringing civic services like water supply, health and housing within the ambit of the Act. The report will be discussed in the next meeting of the Central Consumer Protection Council which will make suitable recommendations to the Government for amending the Act.

News Item Captioned Water Shortage in Capital Likely

1289. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned Water shortage in capital likely appearing in the Economic Times of February 5, 1992;

(b) whether the Government of Haryana has not been supplying additional water from Yamuna to Delhi;

(c) whether Delhites are likely to suffer acute shortage of drinking water this summer; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to ensure sufficent water supply in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Normally Delhi has been managing its requirements from the supplies received from the Bhakra System, Ganga canal, Ranney Wells and from the River Yamuna. At times, specially during summer when regeneration in the Yamuna River falls, additional requirements become necessary. For this, Government of Haryana has been, in the past supplying additional water to Delhi on payment out of their share of irrigation waters as and when requested by Delhi.

(c) and (d). Government is closely mointoring the water supply position in Delhi. A Statement is enclosed indicating the long-term as well as short-term measures to augment Delhi water supply position.

STATEMENT

i. Construction of second 100 MG, Water Treatment plant at Haidarpur has been started;

ii. Construction work of 40 MG Water Treatment Plant at Nangloi has been awarded;

iii. Construction work of 20 MG Water Treatment Plant near Bhavana Escape has been proposed;

iv. Discussions with Haryana Government are in progress for the supply of adequate raw water to above plants in exchange for treated effluent;

v. Construction of 5 Ranney Wells in Alipur Block is in progress. In addition, 27 tube wells have been installed 15 more tube wells will be energised shortly;

vi. Steps have been taken to rationalise the distribution system. Ground reservoir and booster pumping stations have been commissioned in 7 colonies and are likely to be commissioned shortly in more colonies. This work is in progress in 4 colonies and is also being planned for 5 more colonies as soon as the land becomes available.

vii. Steps have also been taken for detection of leakage of water and to minimise the leakage. 23 shallow tube wells have been installed for horticulture purposes to save filtered water. 101 open wells in city and Sadar Paharganj (S.P. Zones) are also provided with submersible pumping sets to supply water for horticulture purposes; and

viii. Water supply arrangements in re-settlement colonies, J. J. clusters and regularised unauthorised colonies are being continuously improved through tube wells, handpumps/ hydrants, and water supply connections according to prescribed norms.

Long Terms Measures

It is proposed to earmark specific quantities of water from the reservoirs created through the construction of Tehri Dam, Kishau Dam and Renuka Dam.

Bhabha atomic research centre reacors

1290. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhabha Atomic Rsearch Centre propose to use thorium instead of uranium to fuel the pressurised heavy water reactors;

(b) whether addition of thorium would be a regular feature in future reactors; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. BARC is pursuing research & Development activities towards thorium utilisation in future power reactors. It has been found that thorium can be advantageously used in Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors.

(b) and (c). No such plans have been finalised at present. However, research is underway to master the technology of thorium utilisation in our future reactors as our thorium resources are vast.

[*Translation*]

Review of Staff to Meet the Production Target

1291. kUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review has been made by the Government to find out the actual number of workers and officers required to meet the production target of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is estimated that in Coal India Limited, the target of coal production of 210.00 Million tonnes during 92-93 would be achieved by a combined strength of 6,85,092 officers and workers.

(c) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Import of Palmolein

1292. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have imported palmolein during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 as on date;